Intermediate Junior and Senior.

(d) Group (i) 120) (ii) 60 each. (iii) 70)

250 in each of the Junior and Senior classes.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know why the allotted number has not been admitted in the University Classes ?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—The sanctioned strength is not merely withreference to admission, but to the total strength, for instance, 57 were admitted and there were three old students. The maximum was 60. It is on account of that that the maximum could not be admitted, but the net result is that there is the maximum strength.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—The total strength of the first and second classes is 250. Has that number been reached this year ?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Yes. That is why the third group could not take any more students.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Am I to understand that there is no accommodation in the first class for any further admission ?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Not according to the instructions issued by the University.

Admission to the Maharaja's College.

140. **Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state the principle on which admission to the Maharaja's College is regulated ?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Boys and girls were admitted to the College in the proportion in which the applications received from each community bore to the total number of applications.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Is that the only principle under which the admissions were regulated ?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—With regard to the boys and girls that is the only principle followed and in making admissions according to this principle the question of the number of marks was also taken.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Were all the subjects taken into consideration ?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—In each group the same principle was followed.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—I was told about some sure cards and chance cards. How were these cards sent ? And

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on what principle ? Has it any relation to the marks which they obtained ?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—The chance cards were issued to those who came next in marks after the sure cards. The rest were also issued in the order of merit.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—May I know how many chance cards were issued ?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—I want notice.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Did not the Government think that the students who have been either in the Ernakulam College or in Ernakulam should be given some preference in the matter of admission ?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—That is too delicate. It is a question of first occupancy which we cannot allow.

Abduction of a Vala girl.

141. Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have seen an article in the "Sahodaran" of 26th Mithunam 1107 drawing the attention of the Government and the Police to an alleged abduction of a Vala girl in Edacochi?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—Yes. Action is being taken.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—May I know what action is being taken ?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—The matter was enquired into by the Inspector of Police and we have since got a report that the allegations were unfounded and false.

Collection of tax from paddy lands by the Chittur Municipal Council.

142. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) the amount of tax collected by the Chittur Municipality from paddy lands during the last three years;

(b) whether such tax is collected from paddy lands by other Municipalities in the State ;

(c) and if so, how much has been collected for the last three years by each of the Municipalities ;

(d) whether there was any complaint about this double taxation by the inhabitants of Chittur Municipality ;

(e) if so, what were the orders of the Government in the matter?

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